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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR FAZZO.  
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CIA REP. TREASURY DEPT//INFO FOR MR JOHN YED.

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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST LEADER DESCRIBES NEXT GOVERNMENT  
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PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST LEADER MARIO SOARES OUTLINED WHAT APPAR-  
ENTLY IS HIS UNDERSTANDING OF JUNTA INTENTIONS. HE CLAIMED  
THAT THE INTERIM CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT, WHICH WILL BE  
APPOINTED IN THE NEXT 60-90 DAYS, WILL REPRESENT THE PORTUGUESE  
POLITICAL SPECTRUM AND WILL INCLUDE COMMUNISTS AS WELL AS  
SOCIALISTS. THE PRINCIPAL TASKS OF THE NEXT GOVERNMENT WILL BE  
TO DEVELOP A DECOLONIZATION POLICY, CONFRONT PORTUGAL'S MASSIVE  
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, REVEAL THE COUNTRY'S DIPLOMATIC ISOLATION, AND  
PREPARE FOR NEXT YEAR'S ELECTIONS.

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SOARES ADVANCED TWO REASONS FOR INCLUDING COMMUNISTS IN THE GOVERNMENT:

--IF NOT INCLUDED, THE COMMUNISTS WOULD PRESS FOR IMMEDIATE ELECTIONS; AND

--HE WOULD BE BETTER TO LET THE COMMUNISTS SHARE THE SUCCESSES AND FAILURES OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT RATHER THAN LEAVE THEM ON THE OUTSIDE TO CRITICIZE.

WHEN ASKED HOW MUCH OF THE PROGRAM HE HAD OUTLINED WAS ACCEPTABLE TO SPINOLA, SOARES REPLIED THAT THEIR VIEWS WERE "BASICALLY IDENTICAL." HE SAID THE ONLY DIFFERENCE WAS HIS OWN URGING OF A MORE RAPID PACE OF DECOLONIZATION THAN THE JUNTA WAS WILLING TO CONSIDER.

SOARES SAID HE WAS SEEKING POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND MORAL SUPPORT FROM SOCIALIST PARTIES IN THE UK, GERMANY, SWEDEN, AND BELGIUM. HE HAD MET MEMBERS OF THE EC COMMISSION IN BRUSSELS. FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH THE US AMBASSADOR, SOARES HAD AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN LISBON. HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT PORTUGAL HAVE RELATIONS WITH BOTH SUPER POWERS.

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